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A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

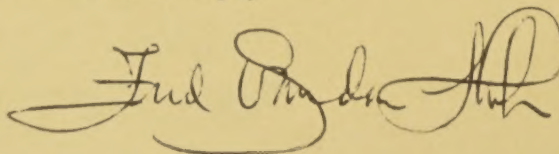
I would like to begin this letter by cordially inviting all members to the very first presentation of the "Ron Miller" Award. Per the announcement in the previous issue of N.C.N.A. Heads and Tails, Michael S. Turrini will be formally presented with the Ron Miller Award medal during the N.C.N.A. open meeting which will be held in conjunction with the May 5th 1996 Vallejo Coin Club Show. This Show will be held at the Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Toulumne Street and End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo. Please join us in honoring Michael S. Turrini for his many years of truly outstanding service to the numismatic community. I, for one, am extremely honored to be able to make this very first ever presentation of the N.C.N.A. Ron Miller award.

As you may be aware, NYINC (New York International Numismatic Convention) has been having Coin Shows in San Francisco these last three years. The promoters of this show have been **falsely** claiming in their advertising that their Show is "Formerly the Jack Tar Show". I wrote to the Show promoter, Robert Brueggeman in April of 1994, requesting that he not use our name (N.C.N.A.) in his advertising for this show. He replied to my letter and has removed the N.C.N.A. (name) from advertising, but he continues to imply that his show is a continuation of the "Jack Tar Show". This is false and contrary to the spirit of his agreement not to use our name and Show reputation, in his advertising. The N.C.N.A. has NO connection whatsoever and does not sponsor these commercial shows in any way. We continue to investigate all our options in this matter.

I would like to take this opportunity to most sincerely thank Mike Fiore for volunteering to fill the remainder of the Secretary term which was recently vacated by the resignation of Mike Neicoff. We are most appreciative of your willingness to serve our organization in such a timely manner. Additionally, I call on our membership to consider running for an office during our election which will be held later this year. It is only through the active participation of our entire membership in all facets of N.C.N.A. activities, that we can retain a viable strong base for our organization and our service to numismatics.

Congratulations to Jeff Shevlin for his winning design submission for our N.C.N.A. 35th Anniversary medal. We very much appreciate your artistic efforts. We would also like to thank all the others who submitted a very nice selection of design proposals. Your efforts and interest are to be commended!

In service of the N.C.N.A. and numismatically yours,



Fred G. van den Haak, President

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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Welcome To The Fifteenth (15th) Anniversary Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales!

After fifteen years this newsletter--still hand-drafted and typed then printed on goldenrod 20# bond paper--has made it! If someone had inquired as to NCNA Heads and Tales longevity back in April 1981, Your Editor would have had serious doubts.

For me, anniversaries are a point in time to remember, renew, reflect, and to resolve, and to these noble concepts, Your Editor should give thought; however, in skimming through these now fifty-seven (57) Issues, there is something equally, if not more, profound.

For me, these goldenrod pages are testimony to the numerous individuals--many still living and some sadly now gone--that have made this hobby here in northern California, and made it something, equally, if not more, profound.

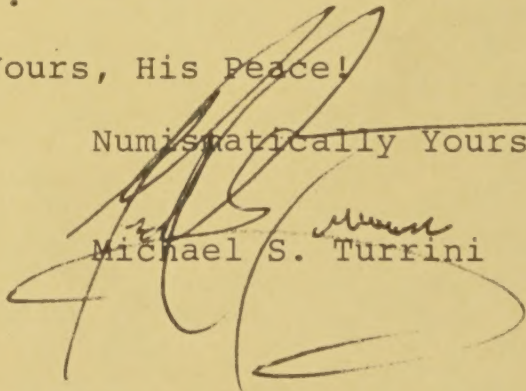
For me, after fifteen years, and being even more emersed and exhausted, the hobby still can excite, entice, energize, and endure. Somethings may stay the same, and somethings have changed; but, even a cursory reading of these past fifteen years verifies something equally, if not more, profound.

For me, it is YOU--all the hundreds of you--reading now, or who have read in the past. It is YOU that Your Editor must give credence, credit, and consideration. It is YOU that have made this hobby--even as Your Editor progresses toward the twilight--something which still excites, entices, energizes, and endures.

For me, all that can be written, after fifteen years, is what any loving, compassionate, and sincere man, or woman, should write: To You All--to all of you here in northern California, and around this grand globe--"Thank You Always".

May Our Creator Give You, and Yours, His Peace!

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

Association Meeting

As President van den Haak reminded in his President's Message on page 2, there will be an Open Meeting of our Association at the Twenty-Fourth (24th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, Sunday, May 5, 1996, at 11:00am. This Meeting will have a drawing, include a short business session, welcome Show 'n Tells, and have the Miller Medal presentation. Each Club Member sending a Delegate to this Meeting will receive a free numismatic reference book, free one each to Club Members, not Individual Members! Wooden nickels will also be distributed to those in attendance, and all the NCNA Executive Officers will be present.

This Open Meeting is intended to promote our Association, enhance its image, and encourage more of our Members to participate and contribute to NCNA's future.

There is a \$2.00 Parking Charge within Dan Foley Park, where the Vallejo Show is located, and requests for free Parking Passes may be telephoned to the Treasurer, weekdays only, at either '707-427-6277' or '707-453-6937'.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Will be "Monday, June 3rd, the First Monday, at Charlie Browns, off I-80 near Powell at West Frontage, in Emeryville". Any Individual and Club Member, via its Club Delegate, are welcomed to attend. The dinner session begins at 6:30pm with the Board Meeting immediately thereafter. If you would like to attend, and as a courtesy, please telephone in-advance Gordon Donnell at '510-526-0538'. The dinner costs are shared between the Association and each attendee.

Anniversary Medal

Included with this Issue is the Order Form for the Association's Thirtieth-Fifth (35th) Anniversary, 1961-1996, Medal. The Order Form denotes the details, and IT WILL BE THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE! NO REMINDERS! NO SEPARATE MAILINGS! WHAT IS ENCLOSED IS IT!

As noted, the Form has all details. Please Read. If you have any questions, telephone Medals Coordinator Jan Henke at '707-427-0482', afternoons daily.

Fifteenth (15th) Anniversary of NCNA Heads and Tales

This Issue, May 1996, is by the calendar, the Fifteenth (15th) Anniversary of NCNA Heads and Tales, which began in April 1981. The only Editor, so far, has been Your Editor, who will, most likely, continue in that position.

Originally a quarterly (January, April, July, and October) publication with the January 1992 Issue, NCNA Heads and Tales became a three-times-a-year (January, May, and September) periodical. Presently, one hundred forty (140) Issues are printed and distributed, also since 1981, mailings have been generally restricted to paid Members, Individual and Club, plus a limited number of complimentary copies.

Anniversary Wooden Dollar

Traditionally, for NCNA Heads and Tales Anniversary Issues--Fiftieth (50th) Issue, January 1994, and Tenth (10th) Anniversary, April 1991--a complimentary wooden dollar has been included; regretfully, Your Editor forgot in time to do this. A wooden dollar will be enclosed with the September 1996 Issue. Oops and Sorry!

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

Livermore Valley Coin Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Alameda Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Stanislaus County Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Peninsula Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Diablo Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society

Livermore Valley Coin Club Has heard three good numismatic talks: January 16th, CHUCK WHITE and ROGER LYLE, Liberty Five Cent/Nickel, February 20th, KEN BARR, Tokens, and March 19th, CHUCK WHITE, Ancient Coins. The LVCC has a provocative means to encourage new membership: "Have a friend or acquaintance interested in coins? Get them to join our Club and receive a silver half dollar". Nice Idea.

Greater Houston Coin Club Its monthly Double Shift has some nice interesting one-page articles: January 1996, 'Necessity Money/ Encased Postage Stamps' by STAN GARZYNSKI, February 1996, 'Lincoln Wheat Cents' by ALAN G. PERRY, and March 1996, 'March Events', a roster of numismatic historical dates in March, by JERRY CLEMONS. It was reported that CHRIS JOHNS, long-time booster, is recuperating from extensive by-pass surgery, and the GHCC will gladly exchange newsletters with fellow coin clubs across this nation; write to: "GHCC, PO Box 2903, Houston, Texas, 77252-2963".

Alameda Coin Club Elected its 1996 Officers: GORDON DONNELL, President, STAN TURRINI, Vice-President, DON BARSI, Secretary, and CHUCK WHITE, Treasurer. These Officers developed a full schedule of activities for the first half of 1996: February 13th, CHUCK WHITE, 'Indians In Numismatics', March 12th, Show 'n Tell Theme: 'Big and Little', April 9th, Pizza Party, and May 14th, DON BARSI, 'Tokens of Alameda'. The March 12th meeting has three losers in the Membership Drawing: STAN TURRINI, GORDON DONNELL,

and CHUCK HALL. Nine members enjoyed the Pizza Party on April 9th at Alameda's Village Pizza, and CHUCK WHITE did remember the Drawing Prizes and tickets!

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Has elected its 1996 Officers: BOB BRAKOWIECKI, President, DAVID HERR, Vice-President, RAY TISSER, Recording Secretary, BILL MCCASLIN, Treasurer, and PATTI BANDY, Corresponding Secretary. These Officers were installed at the SVCC's Annual Installation Banquet on January 10th at Sacramento's J.J. North's Grand Buffet. At this Banquet, plaques and recognition for service to the Club were presented to BETTYE WEBB, VINCE GRUBB, and PATTI BANDY, and special recognition was denoted to NATALIE HERR for her "important role in supporting the Club's effort before and during our Show" and to BOB DECESARIS "for his continuing role as SVCC Newsletter Editor, now in its eleventh consecutive year of publication!". The SVCC reports a long-time booster and Club worker JENNY BRIGGS passed away: "Jenny's smile was the first that many members would see when they entered and registered for our Show. Jenny's good nature and humor will be very greatly missed by her friends at the Sacramento Valley Coin Club". The SVCC's Thirty-Ninth (39th) Annual Fall Coin-O-Rama will be 'October 5 and 6, 1996 at LaSierra Community Center in Carmichael'. These dates are confirmed.

Stanislaus County Coin Club SCCC member WELDON SANFORD volunteered to fill the vacant Secretary's position. The SCCC had a provocative drawing: "SAN GRAHAM won \$100.00 in cash bringing to the Club meeting the first of the new One Hundred Dollar Notes". In the February 1996 Gold Strike, the monthly newsletter of the SCCC, there was a fifteen question 'Doug's Brain Buster Coin Quiz', which four other local coin clubs have requested to copy. Here are three random questions, as a sampler: "What does the star signify on the Grant commemorative?", "Who is credited with assembling the only 'complete' U.S. collection?", and "What denomination is a Half-Union?". TERRY WOODWARD and DOUG DANIELS spoke at the April 2nd meeting on Philippine Pesos.

Solano Silver Round Club Does not elected annual Officers, for it has a two year term; so, no new Officers to report. As a service to its members, many residing across this State and around this Nation, Want Lists are published in the Club's monthly Silver Notes. Several members have sold and bought silver rounds needed or extra. The Club's Ninth, and Final, Issue in its seven year World War II Series had a mintage of seventy-nine (79); this being the Atomic Bomb and Enola Gay. The SSRC Quarterly Drawing at the March meeting earned \$205.00. The SSRC will hold its semi-annual Open Meeting at the 1996 Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00pm on the stage of the main Lake Room of Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park. This Show, hours 9:00am to 5:00pm, is located at 'Tuolumne Street At End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo'. Questions on the SSRC, its silver round issues, and this open meeting, may be telephoned to: JAN HEN at '707-427-0482'.

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Redwood Empire Coin Club Ended 1995 with its December 11th Banquet Meeting, and some twenty-four members attend with "the group from Vallejo bringing loads of Holiday Cheer to our meeting". LEE GONG and G&C MARKET contributed both main dishes and the poinsettia plants used as Ladies' Gifts. ALEXI ROMANOV, a foreign exchange student from Moscow, Russia, attended the Banquet and joined the RECC. The January 10th meeting heard HORACE MOORE speak on the Pine Tree Schilling of colonial Massachusetts, which has personal value to him, for his late wife, Gladys, was a direct descendent of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Long-time RECC Secretary GUY SHAPPY is relocating into the Sierra Nevada foothill country, after serving seven years as the Club's Secretary; CHARLIE CATLETT was chosen to replace GUY. Special thanks for the recently successful RECC Show goes to: MERLE AVILA, CHARLIE CATLETT, ROY and HELEN ROBERTS, ELAINE KELLY, MATT HROMALIK, GUY SHAPPY, JACK MICHAEL, PAUL ZAHTILLA, DON BARSII, MATT TITMUS, and DEVIN GONG. Coin dealers contributing to the Show were: JACK BEYMER, SISSON and SON COIN SHOP, and SANTA ROSA COIN EXCHANGE.

Napa Valley Coin Club Ended its 1995 Year with its Annual Guessing Contest for the precious metals: no one hit silver, all the guesses going to high, but RUSSELL KRUEGER won for the gold with \$387.00 to actual \$389.00, and MAE FREITAS hit platinum exactly at \$415.00. JOHN and SANDY BEARDEN ended their service as the NVCC's newsletter Editors with the March Issue, simply "right now, just too many irons in the fire". Special Thanks was recently extended to those who have made the NVCC so successful these past few years: DON HILL, GEORGE and LORI FARNSWORTH, THELMA KREIG, JUDY WOODWORTH, JOHN and SANDY BEARDEN, FRANK GREENGRASS, and JIM ELAM.

Fresno Numismatic Society Elected two new Officers for 1996: JOHN CLIFTON, President, and DAVID JOSEPHINE, Vice-President. Recent FNS meeting activities have been: RUTH PHILLIPS, January 9th, Collecting Elongates, DAVID JOSEPHINE, Video of Classic 20th Century United States Coins, March 12th, Members' Bourse Night, and April 4th, Auction. The FNS announced its Annual Coin-O-Rama will be October 26 and 27, 1996 at Fresno's Las Palmas Masonic Hall, Clinton near First, in downtown Fresno. As part of the 1996 National Coin Week, April 21 thru 27, the FNS released one thousand collectible coins into general circulation with local press and broadcast publicity. Fresno's Mayor also honored the Society for its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, 1946-1996.

Peninsula Coin Club The Club's 1996 Medal Issue will honor Palo Alto's Barbie Hall of Fame and was done by PCC member RICHARD POLLAR; the Barbie Hall of Fame is a small museum founded by ROBERT and EVELYN BURKHALTER in June 1984. Both the January and April newsletter Quiz Questions went unanswered! Questions Becoming Too Difficult!

Delta Coin Club Reelected its 1996 Officers: KEVIN MALOY, President, SHARON CARMEN, Vice-President, EDWARD CARMEN, Recording Secret-

ary, SYD KASS, Corresponding Secretary, and LORIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer; the latter three respectfully in their tenth, thirteenth, and fourteenth terms. These Officers were installed at the Club's Annual Dinner last January 12th at which two DCC Members were bestowed Life Membership: RUBEN SMITH III and KEVIN MALOY. April meetings had: April 12th, STAN TURRINI, 'Collecting Old Stocks and Bonds' and April 26th, Annual Hot Dog Night.

Gateway Coin Club Elected its 1996 Officers: CRAIG BLAKE, President, BELINDA WILSON, Vice-President, RICHARD HILLS, Secretary, and LONA SANCIBRIAN, Treasurer. At the Club's Annual Holiday Banquet, last December 14, 1995, at Merced's Eagles Nest, BILL JONES, member #3, "was awarded a Life Membership for his more than twenty years of service and contributions to the Club". With the March Issue, THERSA LUND stepped-down after two years as Editor. With the April Issue, FRANK FROHMAN became Editor, assisted by CHRIS YONAN. A nice detailed summary of 1995--meetings, events, refreshment persons, and such--was summarized in the January 1996 newsletter. A Nice Idea To Be Copied. The most recent meeting speaker at the GCC was KEVIN MALOY, who spoke on Military Payment Certificates (MPC), at the Club's February 15th meeting.

Fremont Coin Club Elected its 1996 Officers, and they are: IRIS ATKINSON, President, CARL SYNDER, Second Vice-President, BRIITA EHLERS, Treasurer, BO ATKINSON, Corresponding Secretary, ROGER LYLES, First Vice-President, JESSICA FRANK, Junior Vice-President, and STEVE BOURG, Recording Secretary. Recent FCC meeting guest speakers have been: January 23rd, ED and LORIE FULWIDER, San Francisco Mint, February 27th, KEVIN MALOY, Military Payment Certificates, and March 26th LOIS OVER, 'History of Hayward'. There has been a change in the FCC's meeting formats: All Meetings Now Begin 7:00pm SHARP!

Liberty Numismatic Society Elected, Drafted, Appointed, and/or Negotiated its 1996 Executive Officers: TOM LOVELACE, President, CHUCK WHITE, Vice-President, GORDON DONNELL, Treasurer, and GENE HOY, Secretary; MIKE SULAR and REGAN SHEA agreed to continue editing the LNS' monthly newsletter. Recent LNS meeting speakers have been: January 2nd, PETER COLLIANDER, 'Coins Are Worth Something', April 2nd, GENE HOY, 'Counterfeiting United States Coins', March 5th, CHUCK WHITE, 'Money of Siam'; PETER COLLINADER's entaining talk drew upon his "sixty-plus years of coin collecting" bringing smiles to every face, and CHUCK WHITE's talk was "not your average, ordinary money, as evidenced by a partial listing of subjects: tiger tongue, tok, lat, flower, hog's mouth, ring and bullet money, gaming tokens, opium weight, and couterfeit tokens". Sad News from the LNS was the passing of OTIS MILLS, a Fellow of the Society.

Cupertino Coin Club In lieu of a cancelled speaker at its January 12th meeting, "a panel discussion including GARY ACQUISTPACE, DENNIS OLSWANG, WALLY WALLAKER, and KEN BARR was held. It was noted that the panel had over one hundred years of numismatic

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experience, but thankfully no breakdown was given. Various questions were asked by the thirty-three members and guests in attendance, some of which were actually answered by the panel! Much information (and some opinions) about coins, paper money, fiscal policy, commemoratives, coinage and currency redesign, etc was exchanged to the mutual benefit of all present. No samples were passed out, and no fisticuffs were exchanged, so all-in-all, it must be considered a successful evening, albeit not as planned". The scheduled speaker for the February 9th meeting was replaced, on very short notice, with CHUCK WHITE on "Indians In Numismatics": "highlighted with items from his extensive collection. In addition to United States, colonial, commemorative, and regular issue coins, Native American Indians have been featured on United States paper money, obsoletes, Federal Reserve Notes, and Military Payment Certificates, foreign coins, tokens and medals, including gaming tokens and coin club medals, pinbacks, and tobacco trading cards. Thirty members and four guests enjoyed the fascinating amount of material on display, so if you missed it, YOU MISSED IT!".

San Jose Coin Club New newsletter Editor PETER FLORES is publishing a multi-page informative monthly periodical with lots of tidbits, and here are a few: "Have you been wondering why this newsletter issue is in green and not in the normal white paper? It is to remind you that it is time to pay your Club dues!", March 1996 issue, "Tonguing: Sometimes, when a coin is too shiny to get the grade desired from one of the grading services, its owner will dab a bit of saliva on it to dull the shiny high points. This is known as Tonguing-It. A similar procedure to impart a bit of dullness is thumbing", April 1996 issue, and "CONNIE PERHAM wishes everyone to come to the next meeting and celebrate her 84th Birthday! We will be having a birthday cake to celebrate the occasion. You may think that CONNIE is our oldest member, but no! CHARLIE KAPPEN will be celebrating his 86th in May!", March 1996 issue. This new Editor may be contacted at '510-737-7600', extension 6030' or E-Mailed at 'Pflores@netuser, com'.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Someone Really Likes Your Editor or Had Some Extra 32¢ postage For Your Editor Received Three Issues Of The January 1996 PCNS Bulletin! The 1996 PCNS Officers are: HERB MILES, President, MARIAN SINTON, Vice-President, RICK WEBSTER, Treasurer, and PAUL HOLTZMAN, Secretary. The 1995 PCNS year ended with its traditional Holiday Party and "BRANDIED CHERRIES"! Recent PCNS meeting activities have been: January 24th, HERB MILES, 'History of Spanish Coinage', February 28th, RICK WEBSTER, 'British Commonwealth Coinage', and March 7th, GORDON DONNELL, 'Elongates'. The new monthly newsletter Editor is PAUL HOLTZMAN.

Diablo Numismatic Society Due to the lengthy absence of its President-plus-Editor, only the January 1996 Issue of its bi-monthly Diablo Die Break was issued. The Society did elect its 1996

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Officers, and they are: STAN TURRINI, President, JOHN RUSSELL, Vice-President, MIKE STANLEY, Secretary, and MIKE FIORE, Treasurer; BILL HEWITT, retiring Treasurer, was bestowed a small paperweight trophy for this three years of service. The DNS continues to meet on the Third Thursday at 7:30pm at the Civic Bank of Commerce, in the Community Room, in the rear, 1940 Tice Valley Blvd., Rossmoor Shopping Center, off of Tice Valley and Rossmoor, in Walnut Creek.

San Francisco Coin Club The January 26th meeting had HANS HANSSON speak on Paper Money, and the March 26th meeting heard HERBY LAM speak on First Day Covers (FDC), and the White Elephant Auction at the February 27th meeting earned the Club over \$50.00!

Fairfield Coin Club Writes that ERNIE DRAKE, one of the last two Charter Members, was bestowed the Club's highest honor, the Rich Neily Memorial Award; this Award was announced at the Club's annual 1995 Joint Christmas Party and bestowed at the January 24th meeting. The Fairfield Coin Club, along with the neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society, are unique in that their respective honors are specially prepared and not-just-given-out. The 1996 FCC Officers are: JOE SIROIS, President, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Vice-President, RUSSELL LEACH, Treasurer, and JAN HENKE, Secretary. The FCC has set its Seventh (7th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectible Show for Sunday, September 15, 1996, at the new permanent site, Fairfield Community Center, 110 Kentucky Street, near Pennsylvania Avenue, in downtown Fairfield, hours 9:00am to 4:00pm. Details may be telephoned to '707-427-0482'.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Elected its 1996 Officers: JOE SIROIS, President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Vice-President, MIKE STANLEY, Secretary, and STAN TURRINI, Treasurer. Recent VNS meeting activities have been: January 3rd, Installation and Bingo and March 6th, "Mike's Night", a joint talk by MIKE STANLEY and MIKE FIORE. No April Bulletin, the monthly newsletter, was mailed out; the circulation manager's hard-drive 'crashed', taking all mailing records/labels! What Ever Happen To 3x5 Cards! The VNS reminds fellow coin hobbyists that four fellow numismatic organizations will gather at its Sunday, May 5, 1996 Vallejo Show, and these are: the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) at 11:00am, the Franklin Collectors Society at Twelve Noon (12:00pm), the Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC) at 1:00pm, and the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) at 2:00pm. All meetings will be held on the main Lake Room's stage. The Show will be at its long-time site: Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street At End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo. Admission is FREE, but there is a nominal \$2.00 parking charge.